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SUBJECT: MAKARIOS/ATHENS CONFRONTATION

1. AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU OF CYPRUS CALLED ON ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY STABLER ON JULY 9 TO DISCUSS ATHENS/ NICOSIA IMBROGLIO OVER CYPRUS NATIONAL GUARD AND TO INQUIRE ABOUT US/TURKISH RELATIONS IN THE WAKE OF THE LIFTING OF THE OPIUM POPPY BAN. DIMITRIOU WAS NOT UNDER INSTRUCTIONS.

2. STABLER SAID THAT WE ARE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS WITH GREATEST POSSIBLE ATTENTION AND THAT WE ARE TROUBLED BY WHAT IS GOING ON BECAUSE "WHAT UPSETS EQUILIBRIUM IN CYPRUS UPSETS EQUILIBRIUM IN ENTIRE MEDITERRANEAN AND INVITES PROSPECT OF INCREASED SOVIET INVOLVEMENT." GREEK  
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AUTHORITIES ARE AWARE OF OUR STRONG OPPOSITION TO ANY

ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY THE USE OF FORCE, WHICH MIGHT THREATEN STABILITY IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, PEACEFUL RELATIONS AMONG OUR ALLIES, OR THE SINGLE, SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT STATUS OF CYPRUS.

3. DIMITRIOU EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR US "REACTION", NOTED THAT INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOVIET INVOLVEMENT PARTICULARLY WORRISOME ASPECT OF PROBLEM, AND SAID THERE NO LOGICAL EXPLANATION FOR GREEK ACTIONS. DIMITRIOU ALSO SURMISED THAT SITUATION COULD LEAD GREECE TO WITHDRAW ITS

CONSTITUTIONAL EXPERT AND TOTALLY DISRUPT INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. STABLER REJOINED THAT THERE WAS NO REASON WHY TALKS COULD NOT CONTINUE IN FACE OF GREEK DECISION TO PULL OUT. DIMITRIOU THEN INQUIRED ON A PERSONAL BASIS IF THERE WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO POINT OUT TO GREECE CONCERN IT WOULD HAVE OVER ANY ATTEMPT TO "DISTURB THE SITUATION" IN CYPRUS. STABLER REPLIED THAT WE WOULD DEPLORE ANY SUCH MOVE AND THAT WE HAD RECENTLY REMINDED GREEK AUTHORITIES OF OUR OPPOSITION TO AND THE SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS OF THE USE OF FORCE, FOR WHATEVER PURPOSES, ON THE ISLAND.

4. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, STABLER SAID HE HAD NO NEWS CONCERNING THE GREEK REPLY TO MAKARIOS' LETTER, BUT THAT AMBASSADOR LAGAKOS HAD ARRIVED IN NICOSIA ON JULY 5 AND THAT HE HAD PERHAPS DELIVERED A REPLY. ASKED FOR HIS VIEWS, DIMITRIOU OPINED THAT GREECE "WON'T TAKE THIS LYING DOWN." GOG REPLY WILL BE "STERN AND UNAPOLOGETIC AND WILL DENY ALL OF MAKARIOS' ALLEGATIONS." DIMITRIOU DOUBTED THAT GREECE WOULD AGREE TO SENDING MILITARY "ADVISERS" IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAKARIOS' REQUEST AND SPECULATED THAT ATHENS MIGHT WITHDRAW THE NATIONAL GUARD COMPLETELY AND RECALL ITS AMBASSADOR.

5. TURNING TO POPPIES, STABLER SAID FULL IMPACT OF TURKISH MOVE ON US/TURKISH RELATIONS NOT YET CLEAR. OVER LONG PERIOD OF TIME AND AT HIGH LEVELS, US HAD ATTEMPTED TO PERSUADE TURKS FROM LIFTING THE POPPY BAN AND HAD WARNED OF LIKELIHOOD OF STRONG CONGRESSIONAL REACTION IF SUCH CONFIDENTIAL

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ACTION TAKEN. TURKISH ACTION WAS OF COURSE A SOVEREIGN DECISION, BUT IT CONSTITUTES BREACH OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. QUERIED ON THIS POINT, STABLER SAID THAT WHILE LEGAL FINE POINTS COULD BE ARGUED, THERE WAS NO DOUBT IN OUR MINDS THAT THERE WAS AN AGREEMENT WHICH CONSISTED OF AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS AND A VERY CLEAR UNDERSTANDING LINKING OUR SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO THE TURKISH DECISION TO IM-

POSE THE OPIUM POPPY BAN. AMBASSADOR MACOMBER HAS BEEN RECALLED FOR CONSULTATIONS TO REVIEW US-TURKISH RELATIONS AND WE ARE NOW WAITING TO SEE NATURE AND SCOPE OF CONTROLS ON POPPY PRODUCTION BEING CONSIDERED BY TURKEY. ABOVE ALL, CONTROLS MUST BE CREDIBLE AND EFFECTIVE. FINALLY, IN DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE, ONE MUST KEEP IN MIND LARGER CONSIDERATIONS--NEED FOR COOPERATION ON MUTUAL SECURITY ISSUES AS WELL AS FACT THAT OPIUM PRODUCTION NOT SOLELY A US/TURKISH PROBLEM, BUT A CONCERN FOR ALL CIVILIZED COUNTRIES.

6. NICOSIA 1315 JUST RECEIVED. DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS AND POINTS AMBASSADOR SHOULD MAKE WITH MAKARIOS IN HIS FRIDAY MEETING TO FOLLOW IN SEPARATE CABLE. KISSINGER

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